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METHOD

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July 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due June 30, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now July 30, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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